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1. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC/SRV RESUMED TALKS IN HANOI TUES ON POSITION OF CHINESE
RESIDENTS IN VN. HOANG BICH SON SAID TO HAVE PLACED BLAME
FOR LARGE NUMBERS MOVING TO CHINA ON PEKING'S ANTI-VIET
POLICY. NCNA REPORTS PRC DEP FONMIN CHUNG HSI-TUNG TOLD
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VIETS THAT CHINA HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP
TOWARDS VN--IT'S "OTHER WAY AROUND" (PRITCHETT, REUTER
PEKING).

NCNA CHARGED MONDAY/RADIO PEKING TUES THAT VIET SECURITY
FORCES "INTRUDED" INTO CHINESE TERRITORY, SENDING ARMED
SECURITY GUARDS ACROSS BORDER/FIGHTING W/CHINESE WORKERS.
SAID FONMIN LODGED FORMAL PROTEST W/VIET EMB IN PEKING ON
8/10 INCIDENT/CALLED ON PEOPLE PREPARE FOR "LARGE-SCALE
WAR OF AGGRESSION" (AP TOKYO, SUN; REUTER HK).

CSM'S RAM (NEW DELHI) SAYS VN/ALBANIA TURNING TO INDIA TO REPLACE CHINA JUST WHEN INDIA IS SEEKING BETTER RELS W/CHINA. NOTES INDIA ALREADY AIDING LAOS/CAMBODIA IS SEEKING EXCHANGE AMBS, POSSIBLY W/INDIAN DEVEL AID IN

MIND. PUTS INDIAN AID TO SRV AT 48 MIL DOLS IN CREDIT USED TO BUY RR EQUIP/LIVESTOCK. COUNTRY HAS ALSO LENT VN 370,000 TONS OF WHEAT/WHEAT PROD, HELPED SET UP RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE/BUFFALO BREEDING CENTER, PROVIDED TECH COOP. BUT SAYS INDIA HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELS W/CHINA SHOULD NOT BE AT COST OF FRIENDSHIP W/ANY 3RD COUNTRY.

2. CHINA

USDA ANNOUNCED 8/14 THAT PRC HAS BOUGHT ANOTHER MILLION METRIC TONS US WHEAT. AFTER 4-YR BREAK IN PURCHASES, PEKING HAD BOUGHT MILLION METRIC TONS IN APRIL (AP, WP). REUTER (8/14) QUOTES SECY BERGLAND THAT SPECIAL STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE WHEAT BEING SOLD PRC IS FREE FROM CONTAMINATION; SAID NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT QUALITY OF SHIPMENTS THUS FAR.

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SHENSI OFFICIALS TOLD REUTER (SIAN 8/14) THAT DROUGHT HAS CUT PROVINCE'S WHEAT OUTPUT BY ABOUT 30 PCT.

HUA KUO-FENG FLEW TO EUROPE 8/14 ON TRIP DESIGNED REINFORCE RELS W/ROMANIA/YUGOSLAVIA. WILL ALSO VISIT IRAN, IN 1ST SUCH JOURNEY BY CCP CHIEF IN 21 YRS (REUTER'S PRITCHETT, PHINQ; WP; JOC).

NCNA ANNOUNCED TUES THAT MAO'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, FU LIEN-CHANG, HAS BEEN REHABILITATED AFTER BEING "PERSECUTED TO DEATH" DURING GPCR. ADDED THAT FU ORIGINALLY REHABILITATED IN '75, BUT THIS NOT REPORTED BECAUSE "GANG OF 4" HAD CONTROLLED MEDIA--BUT NOW CHINESE MEDICAL ASSN HAS DECIDED MAKE PUBLIC POSTHUMOUS REHABILITATION OF ITS FORMER PRES (REUTER PEKING).

3. CHINA/JAPAN

EMPEROR TUES JOINED MILLIONS OF JAPANESE IN MINUTE OF SILENT PRAYER TO MARK 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WWII--CONFLICT HIROHITO NEVER BELIEVED JAPANESE COULD WIN, ACCORDING DIARY OF EMPEROR'S WARTIME ADVISER, KOICHI KIDO, PUBLISHED 8/14 (REUTER TOKYO).

FONMIN SONODA SAYS CHINESE HAVE ASSURED HIM THAT NEXT YR THEY WILL FORMALLY SCRAP '50 SINO-SOVIET PACT THAT NAMES JAPAN AS COMMON ENEMY (CSM, WP). NEW JAPANESE AMB TO

USSR LEFT FOR MOSCOW 8/14 INSTRUCTED TO ASSURE SOVIETS THAT NEW SINO-JAPANESE TREATY IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST RUSSIA (WP; REUTER MOSCOW 8/14).

4. JAPAN

WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS DOS OFFICIALS SAID 8/14 THAT CARTER ADMIN HAS ASKED EUROPEAN/JAPANESE ALLIES JOIN IN DENIAL OF SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER REQUESTED BY "TASS."
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LAT NEWS SERVICE REPORTS TOMOYA KAWAKITA--CONVICTED AS US TRAITOR FOR ABUSING US SERVICEMEN IN JAPANESE POW CAMP, HIS DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED BY EISENHOWER, ORDERED FREED/DEPORTED TO JAPAN BY JFK ON CONDITION HE NEVER RETURN TO US--HAS ASKED FOR AMOUNTS TO THIRD ACT OF PRESIDENTIAL CLEMENCY: WANTS RETURN TO US, IF ONLY FOR VISIT. SAYS REQUEST BEING STUDIED IN WASHINGTON (BALTO NA 8/14).

5. INDOCHINA

IN WHAT WP'S RUSSELL CALLS "MAJOR VICTORY" FOR CARTER ADMIN, HOUSE PASSED 7-BIL-DOL FON AID BILL MONDAY AFTER REJECTING LARGE CUTS/SETTLING FOR MINOR ONES. SAYS LEGISLATION, WHICH NOW GOES TO SENATE, IS BIGGEST FON AID MEASURE EVER. NOTES HOUSE BY 234 TO 152 VOTED AGAINST IDA AID TO VN, INDICATING DISPLEASURE W/RECENTLY-APPROVED 60-MIL-DOL IDA LOAN TO VN. IF HOUSE ACTION UPHELD BY SENATE, SAYS COULD AFFECT 4 PENDING LOAN PROPOSALS FOR VN. HOUSE ALSO REJECTED PROHIBITIONS ON AID TO CAMBODIA/LAOS/OTHERS (ALSO NORDLINGER, SUN).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NAVY FRIGATE USS FRANCIS HAMMOND (8/9) PICKED UP 37 BOAT PEOPLE IN S CHINA SEA, INCL 98-YR-OLD GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 66.AP(ABOARD USS HAMMOND, SUN) REPORTS ALL WERE SEASICK EXCEPT FOR PHAN THI LY, POSSIBLY OLDEST AMONG 40,000 BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT VN. NOTES SHE WAS DEFINITELY IN CHARGE OF GROUP WHICH SHOWED GREAT RESPECT FOR HER. SAYS CREW PAMPERED REFUGEES PLUS ANOTHER GROUP OF 40 IT PICKED UP ON VOYAGE/SOME GAVE UP SHORE LEAVE AT PATTAYA TO BE W/REFUGEES AS THEY WAITED TO GO ASHORE.
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WP'S BURGESS (NONGKHAI) OBSERVES "LITTLE VIENTIANE" REFUGEE CAMP OF 24,000 IN NONGKHAI HAS GROWN IN RECENT MONTHS AS THOUSANDS OF LAOTIANS CONTINUE FLEE. SAYS IT'S CITY IN ITS OWN RIGHT, COMPLETE W/SCHOOLS, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES, TRISHAW TAXI SERVICE, ORGANIZED VICE. NOTES THAT HALF NEW

US REFUGEE QUOTA OF 25,000 SLATED FOR LAOTIANS IN THIS CAMP, BUT THOSE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR IMMIGRATION TO US/OTHER COUNTRIES MAY LANGUISH IN CAMP FOR YRS. NOTES, HOWEVER, RTG CONSIDERING PLAN UNDER WHICH REFUGEES W/NO PROSPECT FOR RESETTLEMENT WOULD BE ALLOWED LEAVE CAMPS

AFTER 5 YRS.

7. PHILIPPINES

GOP SAID TUES 6 US MIL GUARDS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN SHOOTING UNARMED SCAVENGER ON CLARK AF BASE MONTH AGO MUST STAND TRIAL IN PHIL COURT, DESPITE US CLAIMS THEY WERE ON DUTY/ EXEMPT FROM DOMESTIC PROCEEDINGS. REUTER (MANILA) SAYS JUSTICE MIN CLAIMS SHOOTING OF TRESPASSER "NOT AN ACT REQUIRED...AS A FUNCTION OF THE DUTY THEN BEING PERFORMED BY THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN."

8. AUSTRALIA

ACCORDING AUSSIE TRANSPORT MIN, NEW FARES UNDER DISCUSSION FOR FLIGHTS LINKING AUSTRALIA/US/EUR WOULD BE MUCH CHEAPER THAN AT PRESENT. SAID AUSSIE NEGOTIATORS WILL LEAVE IN NEXT FEW WKS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS IN US/EUR (REUTER CANBERRA).

AUSTRALIANS HIT BY ANTI-INFLATION BUDGET TUES, PAYING MORE INCOME TAX/HIGHER PRICES FOR ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES, GASOLINE. TREAS JOHN HOWARD SAID UNPOPULAR DECISIONS MADE IN DETERMINATION CUT INFLATION TO 5 PCT BY MID OF NEXT YR. UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO ANNOUNCED SQUEEZES IN DEFENSE/EDUC/WELFARE SPENDING, REDUCTION OF CIVIL SERVICE STAFF, HIGHER PRICES FOR IMPORTED CARS (REUTER CANBERRA).

9. KOREA

REUTER (SEOUL) REPORTS 22 SK DISSIDENTS JAILED UNDER EMERGENCY DECREES WILL BE PAROLED ON INDEPENDENCE DAY WEDS--BUT NOTES THEY WILL NOT INCLUDE KIM DAE-JUNG.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. VIETNAM/CHINA

ACCORDING NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK, REPRINTED ST LOUIS P-D 8/10), FALLING OUT BETWN CHINA/VN HAS GIVEN MORE DELIGHT THAN CONCERN TO SEASIAN GOVTS, THO THEY DON'T LET THEIR PLEASURE SHOW. ON PROSPECTS FOR CHINESE-VIET NEGOTS THIS MONTH, CITES DIPLO/OTHER SOURCES THAT CONTROVERSY SO FUNDAMENTAL, THAT PAPERING-OVER IS BEST THEY CAN HOPE FOR.

DESCRIBES PRIMARY ISSUES IN DISPUTE AS SRV'S STEADY DRIFT INTO SOVIET CAMP/VN'S BORDER WAR W/CAMBODIA, CHINA'S CLIENT STATE. QUOTES ANALYSTS WHO DO NOT BELIEVE VN PROVOKED FALLING OUT W/PRC BY AIMING ITS MEASURES AT ITS CHINESE MINORITY. SAYS THEY SUSPECT PRC WOULD HAVE USED

ANY EXCUSE TO PICK FIGHT W/VN IN ORDER ASSERT ITS ANGER/ MIGHT. SAYS CHINA'S ACTIONS ARE SEEN AS DELIBERATE PROVOCATION, TO BE READ IN HANOI AS WARNING THAT IT MUST RECONSIDER ITS CLOSENESS TO USSR.

11. CHINA

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CHILDS (WP, PEKING) REPORTS RECENT 1 1/2-HR INTERVIEW W/ TENG HSIAO-PING. FOUND HIM "EARTHY, HUMOROUS, DYNAMIC." SAYS HE'S EAGER TURN EVERYWHERE IN WEST FOR ADVANCED TECH/ SCIENCE, AND W/HOPE HE VIEWS US AS ONE SOURCE. REPORTS TENG IS CONFIDENT US WILL LOOSEN UP, ALLOW PRC BUY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY APPARATUS, BUT MAKES NO SECRET OF FACT PEKING WOULD PREFER TRADE W/NATIONS HAVING DIPLO RELS WITH IT.

EDMUND FULLER (WP 8/14) REVIEWS T H WHITE'S, "IN SEARCH OF HISTORY." FINDS ASIAN SEGMENT (1938-1945) AND DEBATES OVER CHINA'S POLICY MOST EXTRAORDINARY IN BOOK'S BROAD SCOPE.

CSM'S KULKARNI (HK 8/14) FINDS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT HUA'S TRIP TO ROMANIA/YUGOSLAVIA COMES AT TIME WHEN SINO-SOVIET RIFT "IS WIDENING WITHOUT LETUP." EXPECTS HUA'S NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DOMINATED BY VIEWS ON INTL SITUATION, SINCE PEKING HAS NO BILAT PROBLEM W/2 EUR STATES.

UPI (HK) CITES CASES OF 2 CHINESE BUREAUCRATS WHO WERE PUNISHED FOR USE OF "BUREAUCRATIC OVERKILL" IN DEALINGS W/MOVIE THREATEN/CHEMICAL PLANT. SUGGESTS THEIR CASES ILLUSTRATE NEW OPENNESS IN CRITICIZING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/ BUREAUCRATS IN CHINA THAT HAS EMERGED SINCE MAO'S DEATH/ OUSTER "GANG OF 4" (WSTAR 8/12).

CSM'S FRASER (PEKING) REPORTS CHINESE PEOPLE CAN NOW BUY SHAKESPEARE'S COMPLETE WORKS IN CHINESE TRANSLATION. NOTES TRANSLATION, WISELY, MAKES NO ATTEMPT DUPLICATE POETIC STRUCTURE; HAS TRIED RENDER BARD INTO IDEOMATIC/SENSIBLE CHINESE THAT COULD BE REASONABLY APPROACHED BY MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

12. CHINA/JAPAN

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CSM EDIT (8/14) SAYS WEST MUST MEET CHALLENGES OF NEW SINO-JAPANESE PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY IN ORDER REAP ITS POTENTIAL BENEFITS. THINKS TOKYO HAS SET PATTERN WHICH COULD AID US NORMALIZATION RELS W/PEKING.

THARP (WSJ TOKYO 8/14) SAYS WHILE SINO-JAPANESE TREATY IS VIEWED BY BOTH COUNTRIES' LEADERS AS LANDMARK IN THEIR FOM POLICY, AS PRACTICAL MATTER ACCORD DOESN'T CHANGE MUCH ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP. OBSERVES TREATY DOES, HOWEVER, RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE RELS W/SOVIETS.

CSM'S MORITZ THINKS TREATY COULD BE HISTORIC WATERSHED FOR PATTERN OF INTL POLITICS THRUOUT WORLD, BECAUSE IT DRAWS JAPAN ONE STEP CLOSER INTO NETWORK OF BOTH COMMUNIST/NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING MIL/POL POWER OF SOVIETS. SEES SOVIETS FACING DELICATE TASK OF PREVENTING ENCIRCLEMENT--FOR IF US FINALLY PLAYS "CHINA CARD" AND JAPAN PLAYS GROWING ROLE IN BUILDING UP CHINESE ECON/MIL POWER, USSR WOULD FIND ITSELF INCREASINGLY "ISOLATED."

OKA (CSM) MAINTAINS TOKYO HAS NO INTENTION OF LINING UP W/PEKING AGAINST MOSCOW. SAYS WHILE MAIN PROBLEM IN SOVIET-JAPANESE RELS IS NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE, JAPAN HAS TERRITORIAL DISPUTE W/PEKING THAT IS POTENTIALLY AS SERIOUS--SENKAKUS. SEES JAPAN STILL NEEDING EXERCISE GREAT WISDOM/RESTRAINT IN DEALINGS W/BOTH COMMUNIST GIANTS--TO CHOOSE ONE OVER OTHER IS PERILOUS, TO ATTEMPT PLAY ONE OFF AGAINST OTHER IS PLAYING W/FIRE. SAYS THIS KNOWN TO BE SONODA'S STRONGLY HELD BELIEF, SO OBSERVERS WILL WATCH W/INTEREST HOW IT CONDITIONS JAPAN'S NEXT MOVES IN PAS DE TROIS W/PRC/SOVIET.

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) HAS LEARNED 5-DAY MITI MISSION WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAVELING TO PEKING NEXT MONTH CARRYING PROPOSAL FOR EASIER FINANCING OF FUTURE JAPANESE EXPORTS TO CHINA.

13. JAPAN

UAW PRES FRASER HITS JAPAN'S TARIFF ON US CARS; SUGGESTS GOJ REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS COMPLETELY, "BECAUSE WE'D ONLY SELL A HANDFUL (OF AUTOS) ANYWAY" (WP'S WILLIAMS).

14. KOREA

WM PORTER (CSM) WELCOMES ROKG'S DECISION TO COOPERATE IN MAKING KIM DONG JO AVAILABLE TO FLYNT CMTE. FEELS KOREANS WILL GAIN BY FRANKNESS, BELIEVES THEY WILL RENDER CMTE

CONSTRUCTIVE ASSISTANCE.

TIME-LIFE'S CHANG (TOKYO) DECLARES KOREANS HAVE HARD TIME
UNDERSTANDING EXCITEMENT OVER KIM DONG JO. SAYS TO ASIAN
MIND, THERE IS NOTHING COMPLEX ABOUT KIM'S ACTIONS; TO
THEM, REAL CULPRIT IS NOT KIM OR TONGSUN PARK, BUT
"INCURABLE PROVINCIAL" US WHO AFTER DISCARDING UNIFORM AS

WORLD POLICEMAN IS SOUNDING LIKE "PREACHER OF THE
WORLD" (WSTAR 8/14). CHRISTOPHER

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